

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-3 have been cancelled. Claims 4-7 remain pending and under consideration. No new matter is being presented, and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested. Only claims 1-3 stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), which is now considered moot.

As noted in the Office Action Summary, claims 4-7 are allowed. Therefore, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 278542013700. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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